

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

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Peggy MacLeod

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Subject: San Francisco Bay Salt Ponds (internal control #AX-15-000-8804)

Dear Ms. MacLeod:

Thank you for your letter dated May 6, 2015 to Administrator Gina McCarthy concerning potential Clean Water Act (CWA) protections for the Redwood City site known as the "Saltworks." Cargill Corporation asked the federal government to determine the extent of CWA jurisdiction at the site, and the process of making a jurisdictional determination remains pending with EPA.

Protecting the San Francisco Bay shoreline is a high priority for the EPA and we are firmly committed to science-based decision making in the federal laws we are charged to implement.

Sincerely,

Nancy Woo

Acting Director, Water Division